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British Troops Lift Blockade At Port Suez

Cairo, Dec. 10.

British troops lifted the road blockade around the troubled town of Suez today as the Egyptian Cabinet prepared to meet on Tuesday to consider breaking off diplomatic relations with Britain.

The Acting Foreign Minister, Ibrahim Farag, confirmed that the Cabinet had such a step under consideration.

United Press correspondent Peter Webb reported from British headquarters in Egypt that all restrictions on traffic in and out of Suez were lifted at noon. They were imposed days ago after bloody gun battles between British troops and Egyptian security police. They cut off all heavy oil supplies coming from Suez refineries.

Another United Press correspondent Zaki Salama, reported from Suez itself that tough British paratroopers in red berets were completing the work on a road from the Suez garrison to a vital nearby water filtration plant which purifies all its water.

All was quiet after the expected clash between Egyptian police and British forces building the road was headed off two days ago, but the chief of the Egyptian paratroopers in Suez told Salama that he was only waiting until the Egyptian forces were withdrawn.

"Our plan is to lay off action until massed paratroopers are withdrawn following the completion of the new road," the chief is quoted as saying.

Salama reported that dynamite demolitions of houses and huts in the small village of Kafrabanna to make way for the road were not attempted but bulldozers were continuing to level out the ground for hundreds of yards on both sides of the road. The whole operation will be completed this evening.

Salama reported that the next few days should determine whether the new road would have increased protection to the vital water plant or be a source of new trouble.

He said that a soft sand flatland, impassable to motor vehicles, stretches along the side of the road for some distance and liberation battalions

Explosion On Oil Tanker

Sarnia, Dec. 10.

Two explosions audible five miles away set one of the two largest tankers on the Great Lakes afire here on Monday and sent three men to the hospital with burns.

It took two hours to put out the fire aboard the 620-foot Imperial Le Duc, owned by Imperial Oil Co., Ltd. of Canada. Seventy men were aboard the Le Duc when the first explosion let go in a hold immediately under the bridge amidship.

The Le Duc was tied up at the Imperial docks, around 200 yards from the company's refinery storage field of tanks when the explosions came. Nearby was its sister ship, the Imperial Re Water.

Cause of the explosions was not disclosed immediately.

Associated Press.

Refugees On Raft

Stockholm, Dec. 10.

Two East German seamen, aged 18 and 19, who waited ashore from a raft, asked the police in Helsingborg, South Sweden, today for asylum as political refugees.

They put off from their ship last night on a raft in the middle of the Sound. — Reuter.

The Bus That Killed 24 Marine Cadets



Big French Budget

Paris, Dec. 10.

The French Cabinet today reached an agreement on the 1952 Budget, which calls for 160,000,000,000 francs (\$54,577,000,000) in fresh taxes and the floating of 400,000,000,000 francs (\$124,000,000,000) in loans.

Military expenditure will come up to 950,000,000,000 francs (\$282,714,000,000) in the new budget, which also provides for a civilian expenditure of 1,365,000,000,000 francs (\$413,900,000,000) and a total of 2,315,000,000,000 francs (\$696,614,000,000) for financing reconstruction and re-equipment.

Agreement on the budget was difficult as the fresh military expenditure to cope with the re-armament programme demanded a general increase in taxes. The debate in the French Assembly on the various items of the Budgetary Bill will commence as from tomorrow.

Twenty-three Marine Cadets were killed outright in Chatham last week when a double-decker bus ploughed into 52 cadets marching to the Naval Barracks to see a boxing match. Today an agency report from London says that the 24th lad has died in hospital from his injuries. Picture shows the bus that caused the tragedy pulled to the side of the road after the accident. — London Express picture.

BOY SAVES FATHER'S LIFE

Stops Well From Caving In

Pendleton, Oregon, Dec. 10.

Eighteen-year-old Leon Ford didn't hesitate when he saw his father in danger. He leaped into a crumbling well, 18 feet deep, and tried to hold back the dirt tumbling on his imprisoned father.

Somehow he did it, and for that reason, Norma Vina Ford, 51, is alive today.

"I am thankful more than I can say that the Lord gave me such a son as Leon," the father said today at the hospital where he is recovering from the 18 hours he spent trapped at the bottom of the well.

"It is lucky the boy is a pretty husky fellow, or neither he nor his dad would have survived," said a State policeman.

The dirt was up to the father's knees when Leon jumped into the well. The two men began digging in the back yard of their small farm west of here. Then another cave-in sent dirt cascading up to the father's neck.

Leon leaped, braced his back against a board and held the dirt back. For seven hours he stood there, holding back the dirt.

Mennwhile neighbours started rescue operations.

Finally workmen from a nearby construction project brought in a long iron pipe, two feet in diameter. They lowered this around the father, saving him from further cave-ins, and Leon's long ordeal was over.

Added by mechanical equipment, the neighbours began digging around the pipe. Eighteen hours after he was imprisoned, the father was freed at 5:30 a.m. this morning.

Leon said he thought only of his father at the time. "I was scared when I saw more dirt falling down on dad, a little bit at a time," he said. — Associated Press.

Big 4 Agree To Set Up A Disarmament Commission

MEMORANDUM APPROVED

Paris, Dec. 10.

The Big Four were reported tonight to have agreed to form a 12-member Disarmament Commission to start work next year on the conflicting Russian and Western proposals.

This was said to be the only real result of week-long secret talks which ended today. The talks developed from the Western arms plan which US Secretary of State Dean Acheson presented to the United Nations Assembly on November 19 with the expressed hope that it would prove a turning point in world history.

A responsible diplomat who commented on the work of the big four said the East and West were still as far apart as ever on Russian demands for immediate prohibition of the atomic bomb. The West refused to accept a ban on the bomb until adequate controls have been established to enforce it.

There still exists so wide a divergence of the points of view. Other developments today were:

1. Communist East Germany's representatives informed the Assembly's Special Political Committee they are not ready to speak and the committee adjourned until Tuesday. They're expected to reject a proposal by the United States, Britain and France for a neutral inquiry into whether conditions are ripe for a unified free German election.

2. US delegate John M. Vorys, Republican Representative from Columbus, Ohio, called on the UN to cut the United States assessment from 36.90 per cent of the total UN budget to 33.33 per cent. He ran into strong Russian opposition. The Russians said the American proportion should be increased instead of being cut.

3. Britain opposed in the Assembly's Trusteeship Committee an eight-country resolution calling for the Union of South Africa to put its Southwest Africa territory under the UN trusteeship system.

4. Mr. Eugene R. Black, President of the International Bank, reported to the Economic Committee that the bank lent \$300,000,000 to underdeveloped countries last year, compared with \$134,000,000 the previous year. He said the recommendation of a panel of UN experts that the bank lend at the rate of one billion dollars a year was "unrealistic." — Associated Press.

New Carrier Virtually Unsinkable

HMS Eagle Has Secret Control

London, Dec. 10.

The Admiralty revealed that Britain's new 36,800-ton aircraft carrier Eagle, said to be the first capital ship designed for atomic war, has a secret new method to control damage caused by enemy guns or bombs and was "virtually unsinkable."

The Admiralty, making public a few facts about the new carrier, said the Eagle's hull and warlike fittings have been specially built to minimize effects of atomic blast and radiation.

The big carrier—fourth largest in the world—also can strike back. The Eagle's normal "payload" will be 100 jet fighters but her flight deck is long enough to launch atomic attack bombers.

The new ship's keel was laid in 1942, but her commissioning was delayed while British engineers studied wartime damage reports and the lessons learned at the Bikini atomic tests. This new knowledge was built into the Eagle.

Only three carriers known to be afloat surpass the Eagle in size—America's 45,000-ton Coral Sea, Midway and Franklin D. Roosevelt. The 57,000-ton US aircraft carrier Forrestal, now under construction, will dwarf all four.

NEW FEATURES

The information made available today was released in keeping with Prime Minister Winston Churchill's promise to eliminate "unnecessary secrecy" about military inventions.

The following features tend to protect the Eagle against atomic attack:

1. A new and still secret—method of controlling damage caused by enemy guns or bombs.

2. Super-streamlining of the carrier's above-deck installations, to reduce resistance to the mighty blast of an A-bomb.

3. Replacement of speaking tubes in most parts of the ship by radios and dial telephones to prevent the channeling of radioactive air from one part of the ship to another through the tubes.

4. New equipment for plane-handling, making it possible to house the carrier's fighters below deck for greater protection from blast damage.

Two rudders give the carrier unusual manoeuvrability for her size, and designers believe that special construction below the water line will keep the ship afloat even if her lower decks are flooded to the hangar deck level—just below the flight deck.

Capt. Guy Willoughby, commander of the Eagle, said he had been warned, however, that if water reaches the hangar deck "it might be a little difficult to operate aircraft." — United Press.

Japan And HK Imports

Tokyo, Dec. 11.

Belief that the Japanese would in future watch closely all imports from Hongkong, where goods may be purchased both for dollars and sterling, was expressed by foreign trade sources here today.

They were commenting on Japan's renewed buying policy. Only where it was absolutely essential would goods be purchased from Hongkong for dollars, the sources said.

Representatives of sterling area countries in Tokyo said today they expected large increases of sterling area exports to Japan in the coming months as a result of renewed Japanese buying policy.

It was expected that Japan would approach Pakistan for large cotton imports, at the same time avoiding as much as possible contracting for American cotton, which must be paid for with dollars.

The United Kingdom and her colonies would be approached mainly for rubber.

Such countries as Australia and New Zealand could not at present contribute greatly to re-nerved Japanese purchasing because of a current stockpile shortage of wool and wheat, according to a Commonwealth trade source. — Reuter.

Freak Baby May Live

Washington, Dec. 10. Angela, born six days ago with her heart outside her body, may be the first such child to survive.

The surgeon who put the heart approximately where it should be said yesterday that she had a good chance of living.

About two-thirds of the heart is in its normal place, but as the child grows it should all move into position.

He said that only about 140 such cases were known to medical history. Operations had been performed on five, but none have survived more than 11 hours. — Reuter.

Reds Level New Accusation

Munsan, Dec. 11.

The already deadlocked Korean armistice talks were further complicated today by a Communist charge that Red-held Kaesong was attacked by the Allies this morning.

The United Nations Command announced receipt of the complaint.

An Allied investigating team prepared to leave the Allied advance camp at Munsan shortly after the Red complaint was received.

A UN Command spokesman said the Communists had not made clear whether the alleged attack was by ground or air and had not given any details.

The complaint was made only a few hours before a UN Liaison Officer was scheduled to go to the nearby Panmunjom to demand a yes-or-no reply from the Reds on immediate discussion of exchanging prisoners of war.

It was the first time the Communists had asked for an investigation of alleged violations since truce talks were resumed on Oct. 25 following a two-month breakdown over similar complaints.

In patching up resumption of the talks last October, both sides agreed on neutrality of the Red truce headquarters at Kaesong, the Allied advance camp at Munsan, the conference town of Panmunjom, and the road linking them. — Associated Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

European Army Plan

THE recent and current meetings of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation have not, from appearances, achieved any outstanding progress. Far too many matters concerning defence were left undecided at the Rome conferences in the hope that decisions would be forthcoming before the next meeting to be held in Lisbon next February. It is evident, too, that Mr Churchill has decided to hold over decisions in these matters until his discussions with President Truman in Washington during the New Year. The Prime Minister clearly places high hopes on the fruitful outcome of these forthcoming conversations. Delay in the preparation of a scheme for the creation of a European Army is causing General Eisenhower concern to a point where he is inclined to display impatience. Yet the British Government cannot be held responsible for the hiatus. For a variety of reasons the representatives of the six Powers, which have been meeting under French chairmanship, have been unable to make tangible progress. The European Army plan is, in fact, in some danger of collapse, due to political developments, notably in France. It is far from certain that the French Assembly will ratify the plan when it is ready, and it is altogether possible that, even before ratification is requested, M.

Pleven's Government may be defeated on the issue in the important debates being held this week. M. Pleven plainly was shocked when it was revealed at Strasbourg last week that Britain could not give unqualified support to his plan, and he indicated how he felt his political position had been undermined by declaring that without British participation in the European Army plan, the French Parliament would turn down its own Government's scheme. France, naturally enough, is somewhat bewildered by what appears to be a volte face on the part of Mr Churchill. It was he who, in Strasbourg 18 months ago, first moved a resolution demanding the immediate creation of a European Army under proper democratic authority—a proposition which fired the imagination of M. Reynaud and M. Pleven. The outcome was the revolutionary Pleven Plan. This scheme calls for commitments which Mr Churchill, now he is Prime Minister, feels are too embracing for Britain to accept without qualification. Nonetheless, it is vitally necessary that the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation should make more positive efforts to speed up and tighten up Western Europe defences. A modification of the Pleven scheme may be feasible and acceptable, but whatever is decided on, quick action is demanded.

Higher Education In Hongkong

THE committee appointed to inquire into the needs of and demand for higher education in Hongkong has been given an important task, and one which it can only fulfil effectively with the willing co-operation of employers and future employees. Rather heavy emphasis has been placed on professional studies, although it has been pointed out that advanced education could be applied to music and art. Nevertheless, we imagine considerable scope could be found for extended vocational training, and certainly it is a branch of higher education, to which

the committee should direct some attention. Many present-day vocations demand theoretical training beyond that to be obtained from secondary schooling, and the person who can enter a vocation equipped with proper basic knowledge is likely to make more rapid progress in mastering the practical side of his work. The committee, undoubtedly, will be prepared to explore all aspects of higher education; of their relative needs and their relative demands. A valuable and informative report is assured, with its implementation the responsibility of Government.

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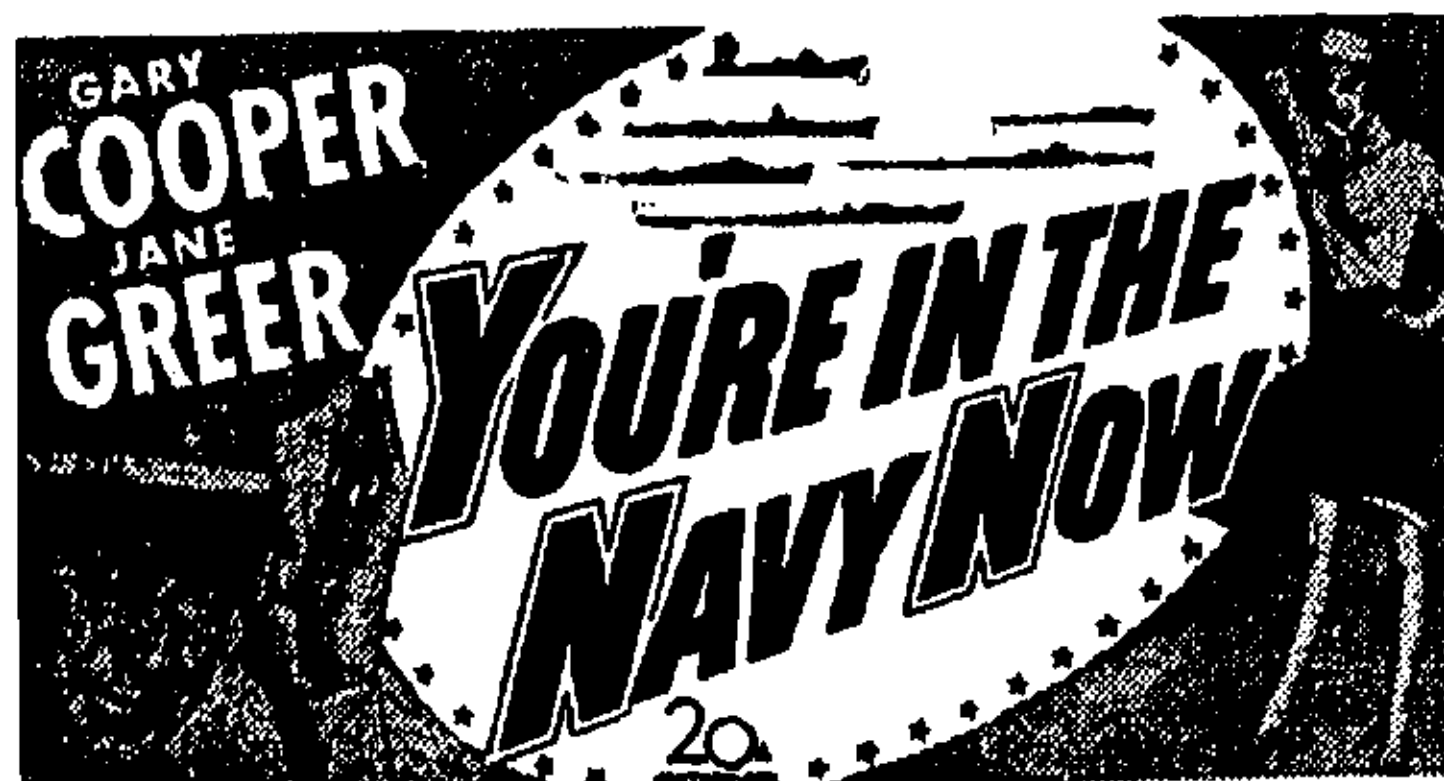
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Unique Murder Case Appeal Is Turned Down

Auckland, Dec. 10. The Appeals Court today unanimously upheld the conviction of a man for the murder of his bride although her body was never found.

George Harry, 44, based his appeal on the grounds that there was insufficient evidence of death. He said his bride of a day left him in 1942 for another man and might be living in the United States.

"In this case there is neither a body nor trace of a body, nor anything in the form of a confession, but in our opinion it does not exhaust the possibilities," said the Court. "There may be other facts so incriminating and so incapable of any reasonable explanation as to be incompatible with any other hypothesis than murder."

—United Press.

TALLULAH'S EX-MAID ON TRIAL

New York, Dec. 10.

Two men were discharged as prospective jurors today in the cheque-taking trial of Tallulah Bankhead's former secretary and personal maid.

The men said they would be prejudiced if the defence brought out "certain names, foul language, profanity, perversion and criminality."

Mrs Evelyn Ramsey Cronin, 59, went on trial on 32 counts of grand larceny and a forgery indictment.

She is charged with stealing \$4,284 from the actress by raising the amounts of cheques for Mrs. Bankhead's "incidentals" expenses. The actress was in court.

At Mrs Cronin's arraignment last January, the defence charged that the incidental expenses were used to "pay for cocaine, marijuana, champagne and sex."

Addressing the 12 prospective jurors, the defence counsel said: "Certain names, foul language, profanity, perversion and criminality may have to be brought out. This defendant will take the stand and tell you she saw it with her own eyes and heard it with her own ears."

—United Press.

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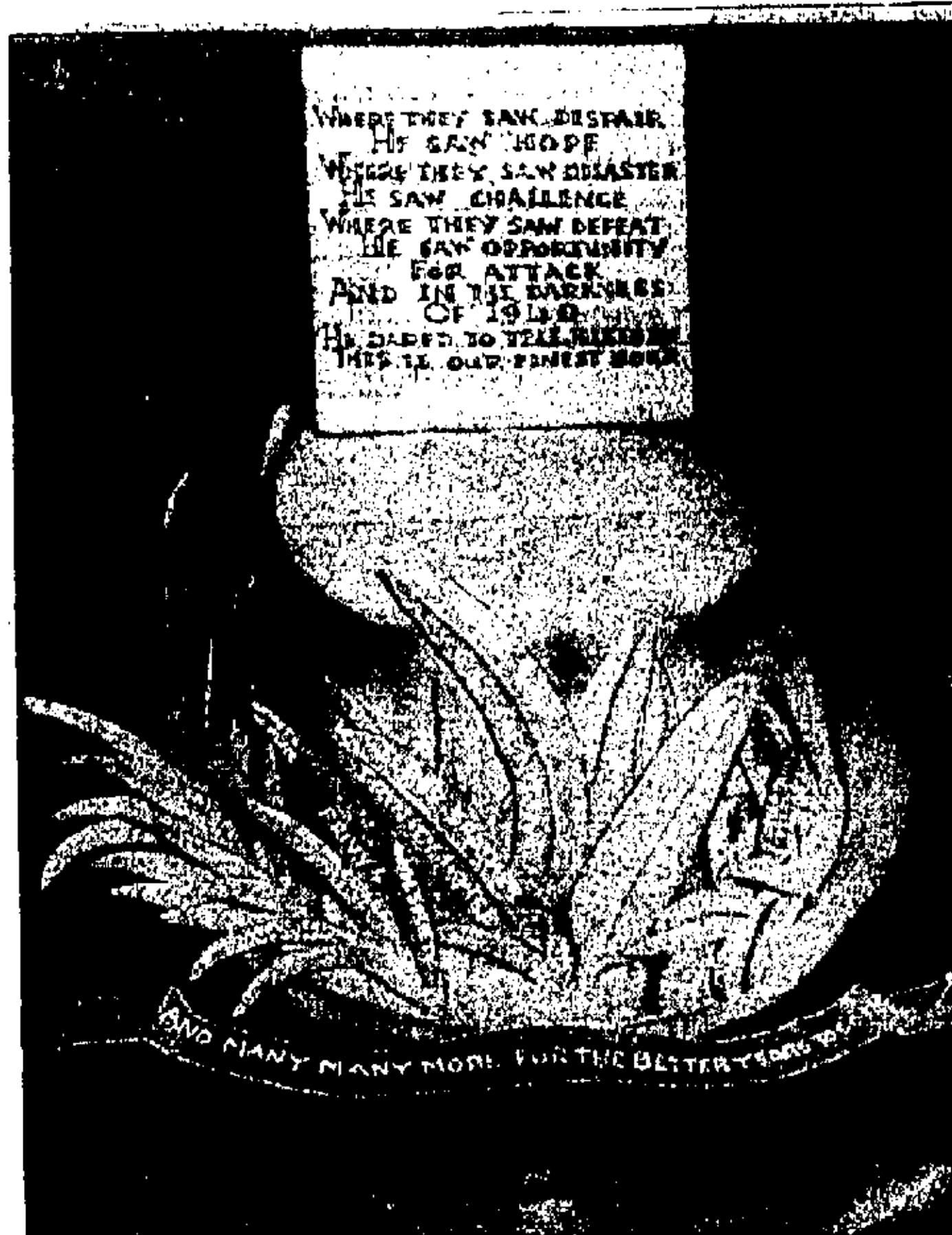
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FEATHERS IN HIS HAT



"Feathers in his hat" was the theme of Mr Churchill's 77th birthday cake. It was in the form of the Prime Minister's famous high-crowned bowler hat surrounded by about 200 feathers, each bearing one of Mr Churchill's distinctions and decorations. The cake weighed about half a hundredweight.—London Express.

Secret Talks At The White House

Washington, Dec. 10.

President Truman and his military and diplomatic advisers discussed the Korean truce talks and the rest of the world situation for an hour today, but no policy decisions were made.

President Truman met his advisers, after a holiday in Florida, to give his personal attention to foreign and domestic problems, particularly the tax scandals.

He postponed his plans for a conference with the Attorney-General, Mr J. Howard McGrath, and other Justice Department officials on a possible dramatic move to rid the White House of corruption. The White House said Mr Truman would call Mr McGrath in soon.

Mr Truman said on Sunday night, on his return from Key West, that he might see Mr McGrath today.

The Democratic National Chairman, Mr Frank McKinnney, said the conference today he had with President Truman would take whatever action necessary to restore public confidence in the Government. He planned to talk to Mr Truman about corruption charges soon and hoped they would be wiped out and not become an issue in the 1952 presidential campaign.

There should be a thorough investigation by an independent agency, answerable only to the President, to investigate and weed this thing out," he said.

NO DECISIONS

Mr McKinnney was against removing Mr McGrath, one of whose assistants, Mr T. Lamar Caudle, has been dismissed by the President. It would be unfair to fire Mr McGrath on the grounds that one of his aides had been disloyal, he said.

Secretary surrounded Mr Truman's hour-long talk with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Defence Secretary, Mr Robert Lovett, the three Service Secretaries, the Under-Secretary of State, Mr James Webb, and Mr H. Matthews, deputy Under-Secretary of State. Officials entered and left the White House on the basement in order to avoid reporters.

The White House Press Secretary, Mr Joseph Short, said the world situation was discussed but no policy decisions were made. Korea was among the subjects discussed.—United Press.

New Delhi, Dec. 10.

About 300 Indian Jews who left India to settle in Israel will be allowed to return to their country if they wish to do so. "They are understood to have appealed to the Indian Government to be allowed to return saying that they found conditions unsuitable, including the climate."—Reuter.

Disagreement At Strasbourg Continues Over Form Of Europe Authority

Strasbourg, Dec. 10.

The Foreign Ministers of France, West Germany, Italy and Belgium today emphasised the urgency of establishing a European army but the three Big Powers disagreed with Belgium over the form of political authority to control it.

M. Robert Schuman (France), Dr. Konrad Adenauer (West German Chancellor and Foreign Minister), and Signor Alcide de Gasperi (Italian Premier and Foreign Minister), addressed the Council of Europe's Consultative Assembly.

All urged the need for a supra-national political authority in Europe, but the Belgian Foreign Minister, M. Van Zeeland, said that a heavy super-structure could be dangerous for Europe.

"The fact that Britain refuses for the moment to be a full member of the European community is not sufficient reason why we should give up our efforts to establish it. On the contrary, the commonsense and the sense of reality which is one of the strongest gifts of Britain to European unity will certainly make it possible for her to find some practical measures for co-operating with European bodies when they become realities," he said.

M. Schuman said that the problem of Europe's political unification could no longer be side-tracked. The setting up of a European army presupposed unity of action and decision.

M. Van Zeeland said that the integration of the European Army should be greater than that of the Atlantic Army, but this did not mean that they should go to the other extreme and accept the idea of a merged army of a single State. He argued that the army should be composed of indigenous (national) units and each unit should be at least a light division. He described his plan as an "intermediate solution" of the problem of how the European army should be integrated.

He wanted the European army to be under a high command and a "college" of Commissioners, both under the authority of a Committee of Ministers speaking for their respective governments.

Two pillars said that two principal pillars must be built to the political bridge on which the army would rest. "The main one must be a joint, elected, deliberative body, with powers of decision and control, confined to those spheres which are governed in common, and exercising its authority through an executive college."

The second pillar would be a common budget drawing a considerable part of its funds from individual contributions—a system of levies.

This system seemed a minimum essential for the project to win the approval of the different parliaments, he said.

If the armed forces of different countries were to merge in a permanent and constitutional organisation to defend "The Greater Fatherland," that Fatherland must be visible, solid and alive, Signor de Gasperi maintained.

After hearing the Ministers, the delegates then debated a final report from the Council of Europe's General Affairs Committee listing five different proposals, four of them French-inspired, for some form of political authority in Europe.

Within N.A.T.O. A vote is expected to be taken later tonight or tomorrow when the session ends.

M. Paul Struyce, President of the Belgian Senate, summarising the report's recommendations, said that the Committee of Ministers, the Council's executive organ, realised that a European army presupposed a political authority within the framework of the North Atlantic Pact.

The Ministers should work to set up such an authority. The report suggested a "College of Ministers for European Affairs" who should meet regularly and frequently to formulate and interpret European conferences and to

U.S. RESTIVENESS

London, Dec. 10.

The political federation of Europe, and Britain's part in helping to bring it about, will be one of the dominant topics of the Truman-Churchill meeting in Washington in January. It is believed in British quarters here.

The growing restiveness of United States officials, concerned with European questions, over what they believe to be the apathy of continental Parliaments to a speedy consolidation of the States of Europe, and Britain's failure to take a lead in assisting European integration may soon be a deciding influence in the extent to which America will provide economic and military aid to their North Atlantic associates.

Mr Averell Harriman, administrator of the mutual security programme, has made it clear in the discussion he has had with leading British and continental statesmen recently that American sympathy for Europe's ill will be largely governed by the extent to which Europe—and that includes Britain—is prepared to help itself.

"Self-help" in the American view means the elimination of economic barriers and political frontiers which hamper increased production of raw materials and finished manufactures, and perpetuate national jealousies between States which should be inter-complementary.

Current American thinking on this subject was reflected in a speech made by the sharp criticism which some of the visiting American delegation to Strasbourg levelled at the Parliamentary representation in the Council of Europe's General Assembly.

HINT TO BRITAIN

The theme was carried forward by the Atlantic Pact Commander, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, when he addressed the Atlantic Council meeting in Rome. Pleading for a greater rearmament effort from member nations, he gave his wholehearted backing to the schemes for establishing a European Defence Community (the "Pleven Army") and the pooling of coal and steel resources through the Schuman Plan.

Although his remarks were addressed primarily to the French and West German political leaders, General de Gaulle and Dr Kurt Schumacher, who have both rejected the Pleven Plan on behalf of their parties, it is inconceivable that they were not intended in part for British ears.

The British Conservative Government's failure so far to do more than their Labour predecessors did to encourage European Federation has come as a bitter disappointment to continental and American enthusiasts of "a United States of Europe."

The silence hitherto maintained by the British Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, on the subject has especially discouraged those who have the cause of European unity at heart.

The British Government's policy statement made at Strasbourg by the British Home Secretary, Sir David Maxwell

SOME ASSOCIATION

Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe said that Britain would send a permanent delegation to the high authority of the Schuman Plan "to enter into relations and transact business with it." Promising some form of association with the European Defence Community, he said that he could not guarantee "unconditional participation" in the scheme.

This statement was taken here to mean that the farthest Britain would go would be the maintenance of a military mission at the headquarters of the European Defence Community.

Federal enthusiasts here are comparing Conservative Government policy with the zeal of the Prime Minister in his capacity as President of the United Europe Movement.

One Churchill Party election booklet described Mr Churchill as a pioneer in the cause of a United Europe and recalled the text of a secret minute which he addressed to his Cabinet colleagues on the subject as far back as 1942.

In that minute he declared: "It would be a measureless disaster if Russian barbarism overlaid the culture and independence of the ancient States of Europe.... I trust that the European family may act unitarily as one under a Council of Europe, which he forwarded to United Europe."

In Zurich in 1946, Mr Churchill said: "We must build a kind of United States of Europe.... but I must warn you—time is short and we must begin now."

Political circles in London think it quite likely that President Truman may remind the British Prime Minister of these sentiments when he argues for a more constructive approach, if not actual participation by Britain, in the promotion of political federation in Europe.—Reuter.

REDUCTION OF GERMAN DEBTS

Offer Made By The Western Allies

London, Dec. 10.

The Big Three Western powers today offered to cut more than \$2,000,000,000 from post-war debts owed them by Germany.

The offer was made at the close of the two-week conference between members of the Tripartite Commission on German debts and the German delegation on external debts.

Under the proposal, the United States, which is the largest creditor, offered to cut claims for post-war aid to Western Germany from \$3,200,000,000 to \$2,000,000,000.

The remainder of the debt to the United States would be settled by annual payments of \$52,000,000 each, including interest of two and a half per cent.

The German occupation debt to Britain would be cut from \$562,800,000 to \$420,000,000 under the plan. The French account would be slashed from \$15,700,000 to \$11,840,000.

The remainder of the British and French claims would be paid, interest free, in 20 years by the Germans.—United Press.

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CLOSER TIES WITH U.S. URGED

Economist Suggests 'Courageous Course'

Canberra, Dec. 10. The Vice-Chancellor of the Australian National University, Sir Douglas Copland, in a statement today again urged closer dollar relations between the countries of the British Commonwealth and the United States.

Australia should approach Mr. Winston Churchill, the British Prime Minister, and suggest to him to tell America that he was working in the closest association with all members of the Commonwealth towards a financial accord with the United States that would offer the United States the most fruitful long-term avenue for profitable international investment and enable the Commonwealth to launch imaginative development, give real vigour to the Colombo Plan, impart basic strength to Sterling and promote union between East and West in a free political association with the Commonwealth.

Sir Douglas suggested this as a courageous course during a survey of the financial position of Australia. Immediate measures to correct the adverse balance of trade, which he predicted would reach a deficit of A \$425,000,000 in this financial year, were great restrictions, import restrictions, including British goods, watering down the development plan, including immigration, and the expansion of exports for better prices. —United Press.

Ruling On Court's Competency

Washington, Dec. 10. The United States Federal Court decided today it was competent in the matter of the legal proceedings started against two high-ranking Chinese Nationalist officers by the Chiang Kai-shek government for the embezzlement of large sums of money.

The two Chinese Nationalist officers are General P. T. Mow and Colonel V. S. Tsang, both Air Attaches of the Chinese Embassy in Washington. The defence had previously attacked the competency of the Federal Court. According to the charges against them, the two Chinese Nationalist Air Force officers embezzled the major part of US\$49,000,000 which they received to buy American planes for the Nationalist forces. The Taipei Authorities requested them to return US\$7,000,000, the remainder of the initial sum.

According to a statement made in Court, General Mow has US\$200,000 deposited in a Washington bank. —France-Press.

King's First Appearance Since His Operation



The King, accompanied by the Queen, seen in public for the first time since his operation as he leaves Buckingham Palace by car for Royal Lodge, Windsor. —London Express.

King Abolishes State Council

London, Dec. 10. King George VI tonight abolished a Council of State set up to deal temporarily with the country's business during his recent illness.

The five members of the Council were Queen Elizabeth, Princess Elizabeth, Princess Margaret, the Duke of Gloucester and the Princess Royal. The King appointed the Council on Sept. 27, four days after an operation on him for a lung ailment. He signed a warrant to appointments. —Reuter.

NO PLACE FOR A WOMAN

Washington, Dec. 10. An American Antarctic explorer, Finn Ronne, who was born in Horton, Norway, said today he was planning another expedition to the South Pole region in the not too distant future.

His wife would not accompany him this time as she did in 1947, he said. "She won't do it again as it is a man's world," he said.

He was speaking at a Norwegian-American rally in New York honouring Amundsen, the Norwegian who reached the South Pole on December 14, 1911, 35 days ahead of Captain Scott.

Commander Ronne's father was in Amundsen's party. —Reuter.

Teheran Drops A Hint On An Oil Agreement

Teheran, Dec. 10.

A high Government official said today that Iran would agree to a short-term agreement for World Bank management of the great oil industry whose nationalisation shook the Middle East's stability.

At the same time, Deputy Hessian Fatemi announced that the Prime Minister, Dr Mohammed Mossadegh, would go to The Hague himself to attack the competence of the International Court to consider the oil dispute at Britain's complaint.

Mr. Fatemi said that Iran would accept World Bank management of the oil industry if complete control is not taken away from the Government. Iran would benefit from capital and foreign technicians provided under such a plan with the Bank controlling the sale and the distribution of oil, he said.

(Mr. Robert Garner, Vice-President of the World Bank, was in London last week for talks on the question and a British spokesman said that there might be possibilities in the suggestion although no formal proposals had been made.)

Mr. Fatemi said that Iran would be willing to give the World Bank a 15 per cent discount on the oil and would even accept a technical general manager appointed by the Bank if he is acceptable to the Government.

In general, he said, Iran would be willing to accept any arrangement on the basis of Dr Mossadegh's final proposals to the British and which were rejected because they were unsigned and undated.

Informed sources said that Iran was eager to conclude a deal with the Bank in the hopes that 2,000,000 tons of oil now in storage could be sold for some \$50,000,000 urgently needed by the Government.

The United States Ambassador, Mr. Loy Henderson, was said to be in favour of the World Bank plan.

10-DAY ULTIMATUM

Mr. Fatemi announced that former customers of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company would be given only 10 days to make up their minds on whether to continue buying Iranian oil or lose priorities and privileges.

Last week Iran gave customers a 30-day ultimatum, but the period was trimmed, according to informed quarters, because of Iran's desire to push the completion of an early deal with the Bank.

From London, meanwhile, it is reported that Britain recognises that the suggestions for the World Bank to take over the management of the Iranian oil industry may have possibilities.

Revealing this, a Foreign Office spokesman added that no proposals had been made. Emphasising this point, he said that the whole question is in a state of exploration.

Only general discussion had taken place so far, the spokesman said, and the next step probably would be up to Iran itself. —United Press.

SENATORS ELECTED

Teheran, Dec. 10. The Persian Senate today elected three Senators to the Parliamentary Oil Commission to replace three who have resigned. The new members are Abolghasem Sepahbodi, Ali Akbari, and Mohammed Mirzaei. —France-Press.

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New Series Of Atomic Bomb Tests

Washington, Dec. 10.

The Chairman of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, Mr. Gordon Dean, announced today that the United States would hold a new series of atomic tests next Spring.

He would not say whether the tests would be held in Nevada or Eniwetok Atoll, in the Pacific.

The recent series of atomic tests in Nevada had already had a substantial effect on the United States programme of weapons development, he said.

"We have learned a lot of things about the design of weapons which we have already incorporated," Mr. Dean said.

He sidestepped a question on whether the United States now had atomic artillery shells.

When a reporter pointed out that General J. Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff, had said that atomic artillery had been developed, Mr. Dean replied: "General Collins is well aware of the programme." —Reuter.

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GRIM PICTURE PAINTED OF EUROPEAN REARMAMENT

Paris, Dec. 10.

Western Europe is not going to reach its rearmament targets next year — or even in the years immediately thereafter, writes United Press correspondent R. H. Shackford.

Moreover, many of the countries on whom the defence of Western Europe depends will have a difficult time merely staying afloat financially.

As a result the overall Atlantic pact plans for the strategic defence of Europe are in jeopardy. It is not a question of whether it is possible to rearm more quickly. It is possible. Britain, for instance, spent more than half her national income during World War II on fighting the war. But this year she will not spend even the promised 12 per cent on peacetime rearmament.

Under full war mobilisation the democracies obviously can do a lot. But the truth is that in peacetime there is a limit—political expediency—beyond which democratic governments dare not tread. Britain's Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, admits that the £4,250,000,000 rearmament programme for three years is too big for such a short time. He has not, and probably will not, cut it. But he will fall far short of the 1951-52 target and may not be able to fulfil the 1953-54 targets until well after 1955 or even 1956.

FINANCIAL CRISIS

On top of that Britain again faces financial bankruptcy. The drain on her gold and dollar reserve is so severe that they will be wiped out completely next year unless there is a change. And Britain is the keystone to United States hopes for the defence of Europe.

Even if governments agree—still doubtful—it is extremely doubtful that parliaments will approve. Ironically, France, whose Government is pushing for it the hardest is most doubtful of parliamentary approval. And Belgium and Holland—fearing that they will be only tails on the French-German dog—are holding out for British participation. But Britain will not join.

The Americans are asking Europeans to forget their national pride, give up their national sovereignty and live together without any kind of barriers, like the 48 States in the United States.

DAY FAR OFF

But realists who have watched and studied Europeans for decades and even those who have been major advocates of European federation or union fear the day for such a project is far away—perhaps the military, economic and financial crisis ahead.

What about more United States aid? It would not solve the immediate rearmament crisis which revolves around the inability, for many reasons, to produce weapons. Britain, for example, if all other problems are solved, just cannot get enough men to mine enough coal to keep warm, let alone increase arms production.

Mr. W. Averell Harriman, the new director of the United States Mutual Security Agency, has been struggling with the problem of how to reconcile Atlantic Pact countries' limited economic capabilities with expanding military necessities. His report, due soon, is expected to show that the countries have

Funds To Start New Unions

Washington, Dec. 10.

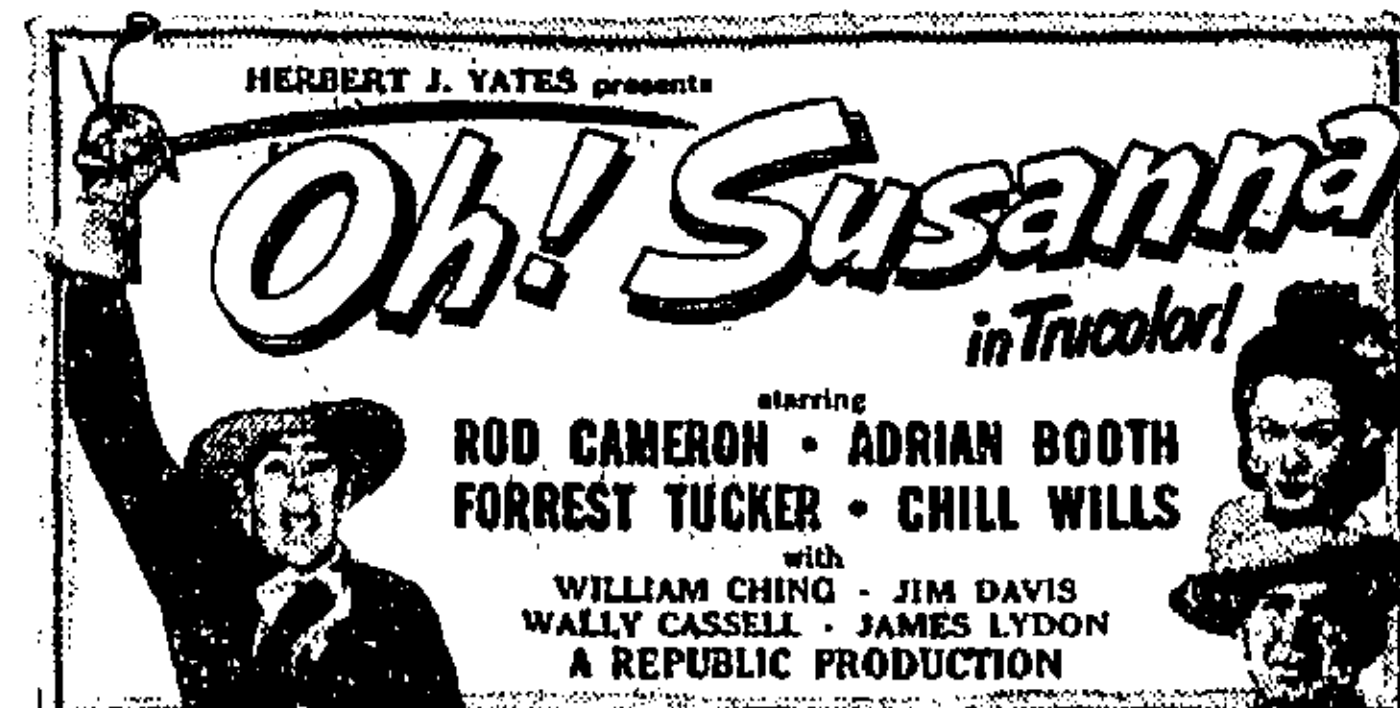
The Congress of Industrial Organizations, one of America's two major labour union groups, has announced that it has put up \$100,000 for building up democratic trade unions in underdeveloped areas of the world.

Mr. Philip Murray, President, said that the funds were being turned over to the anti-Communist International Confederation of Free Trade Unions to which both the CIO and the American Federation of Labour belong and which has a \$700,000 programme for building unions.

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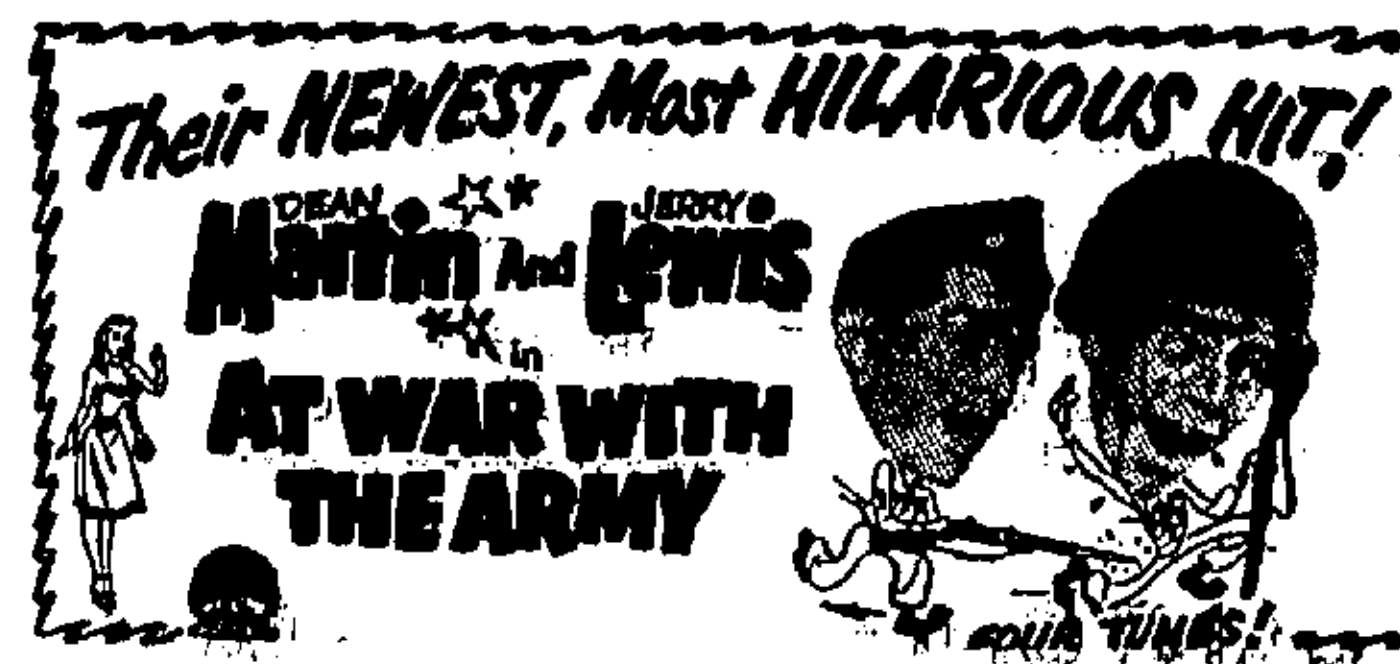
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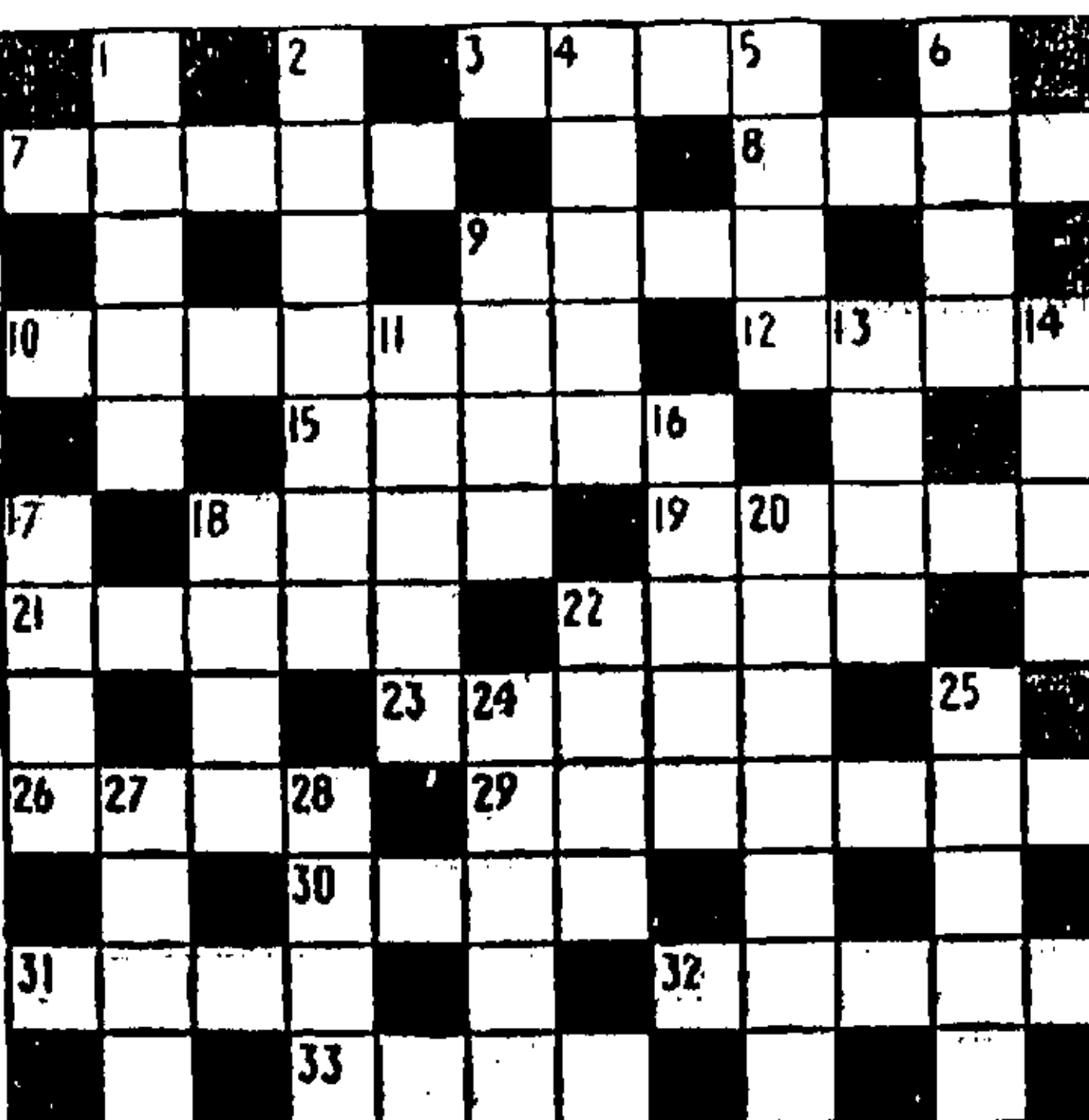
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THE BRITISH ARMY RAISES ITS BID

By Lieut-Gen. SIR BRIAN HORROCKS

NEEDING to persuade one National Service man in every ten to become a Regular soldier, the Army has been taking a pretty good look at its own reflection.

Its problem is simple. Somehow, if it is to become thoroughly efficient, it must build itself into a force composed in equal parts.

There must be as many Regulars as National Service men—and, with industry competing so keenly for men, the Army has come to the conclusion that its Regular recruits are most likely to come from those young men serving their compulsory two-year term.

And so the military authorities have wisely put themselves in the place of these young National Service men and taken a look at the Army through their eyes. That way, they believe, they will see those things which encourage a man to become a Regular soldier and, just as important, those things which deter him from doing so. The result is a credit and debit account between the Army and civilian life.

State of mind

On the debit side there are two main items—loss of personal freedom, and lack of stability.

Any type of "service" implies the subordination of self to discipline, but if the wisdom of and necessity for discipline can be explained, men will develop a state of mind in which this will be accepted willingly.

Stability, however, can be improved. The soldier develops an affection for his own unit and hates being constantly moved round from one to another.

The cause is quite simple. While regiments may stay abroad for many years, it is the generally accepted rule that men do not spend more than three years at a time outside Europe.

Consequently, if a battalion moves east after being 2½ years in Cyprus, many men will remain behind and be sent to another unit in the Middle East, because it is not worth while dispatching them further afield when they will be due to return to a unit in Europe in six months' time.

Fresh draft

They are therefore replaced in the battalion by a fresh draft arriving from England.

The evils of the system are well known to the Army Council and a great improvement will take place when their new drafting plan is introduced in April.

In future, service conditions permitting, units of Infantry and RAC will go to stations outside Europe for three years only and will then return as complete units; so soldiers of these two arms will have a good chance of staying for long periods with their own regiments; and the same system will apply as far as possible with other arms.

At the top of the credit side is "the nature of the job." There is still a certain glamour about the profession of arms, and many men even though they would never for one moment admit it, feel this deep inside them. They get great satisfaction from the comradeship and the pride of belonging to a happy and efficient unit.

Pay scales

The young National Servicemen need not commit himself for a long period until he has seen what life as a regular soldier is like. He can join up for three years with the Colours and four with the reserve. This is only one year longer than he would have had to serve in any case, but at once his basic rate of pay of £1. 8s. a week mounts to £2. 9s. which can be increased for efficiency (four stars) to £3. 10s. He also starts on the promotion ladder, or he may get training as a high class specialist.

A regular soldier (with five years' experience) will receive £4. 14s. a week, and he soon finds that the chances of promotion have never been better; the average age of promotion in the infantry with its corresponding rates of pay is today—

| | Age | Pay per Week |
|-----------------|-----|--------------|
| Sergeant | 24 | £5 15 6 |
| S. Sergeant | 28 | £6 13 0 |
| Warrant Officer | 31 | £7 3 6 |
| Class II | 36 | £7 17 6 |
| Class I | 41 | £8 11 6 |
| (Basic rate) | | 6d. top |

If marriage allowance is added, a corporal will receive £6. 16s. 6d. a week. Class I, £11 11s. This may not seem much when compared to a civilian life, but in addition a soldier gets free food, lodging, fuel and light, clothing, and National Insurance, and 10 months' paid leave each year.

The next step when considering the assets was for the Army Council to ensure that the man who wished to make the Army his career was given a contract as flexible and yet as secure as in the best type of civilian employment, with in addition good retirement benefits at the end.

Correct flow

This is most important—because the long service Regular W.O.s, N.C.O.s, and specialists provide the backbone of the Army. It has been estimated that in order to maintain the correct flow of these vital men, out of every hundred Regulars £50 should extend to complete 12 years' service, and approximately 40 of these should eventually re-engage for 22 years or more.

It has always been possible for the Regular to continue serving until the age of 55, but once a man had committed

himself, his contract with the Army could only be broken by buying himself out.

Details of the new scheme, which will come out shortly, have not yet been disclosed, but in general, the Army will probably undertake to employ a man for a full 22 years provided he is fit and efficient. After 22 years he may still continue in the Service if he wishes up to 55 years, but, every few years he will be at liberty to leave the Army.

Life pension

There are few civilian jobs in which a man can retire after 22 years' service with a life pension.

A private soldier after 22 years' service would receive a weekly pension of £1. 6 4d. plus a grant of £100; a W.O. Class I would get £2. 16s. 4d. a week, plus a grant of £300; this could be increased to £5. 9s. 7d. plus £500 if he stayed on for 35 years. To achieve this a civilian would have to save £4,000.

Separation must be expected by every soldier, but in future this will be reduced to a minimum. It is hoped that by 1954 houses will be available in the U.K. for all entitled soldiers.

A man may expect to be joined by his family within three months of arriving in Germany and within six to eight months under normal conditions in the Middle East.

In future officers will interview each National Serviceman under their command and will explain what the Army has to offer. If necessary they will also visit the man's parents, and this may well prove the most difficult hurdle of all, because "Mum" will take a lot of convincing.

Do you ever fly off the handle?

By LEONARD MOSLEY

THE man who flew through Tower Bridge with his son the other Sunday, the man who kicked Mr Aneurin Bevan in the pants on the steps of exclusive White's Club, and the man who climbed to the top of the Skylon at the South Bank Exhibition, had something in common.

I don't mean they were all reckless fools, who ought to have their ears banged, which is what some people say they deserve.

No, I mean they were all victims of a newly-invented disease with some very old symptoms. The psychiatrists are calling it "revolt psychosis."

They say that, if modern life goes on the way it is at the moment (which seems dimly likely), more and more people will be doing rash and fantastic and forbidden things—out of sheer exuberance, and in rebellion against the rigid pressures of civilisation today.

Mr Frank Miller, pilot in the Tower Bridge exploit, described the onset of the epidemic in language admirably free from consulting-couch jargon when he said: "Everybody's entitled to fly off the handle once in their life."

So he dipped his Auster plane, "shot up" the Thames, and, egged on by his 13-year-old son, buzzed through the uprights of the Tower Bridge. It seems to have taken a load off his mind.

A bit dull

HOW does that strike you? If you haven't felt the impulse to fly off the handle, too, you must be a very adult, self-contained, and balanced character. A bit dull, I suspect, as well.

It was an uncontrollable impulse that made me start the great deception," says "Once begun, I couldn't stop. It made me feel so good to know how I was fooling everyone."

There's only a razor's edge, sometimes, dividing the spectacular gesture from stupid and reckless foolhardiness. Where do you draw the line?

On Boat-Race Night London policemen used to lose their helmets to the point of mania, and Eros's statue was festooned with beer students plucking at his bow. None of them went to goal for it.

But, a couple of Januaries ago, a plumber did. He climbed Eros and reeled Keats to the crowd below. A magistrate gave him three months for his poetic enthusiasm, and it took five days of public indignation to get him out again.

Contrasts

A BOY in South Africa took up a plane while no-one was looking, flew around for half an hour performing acrobatics, and then had to be "tutored" back to earth. He made it safely and was publicly hailed as "a fine lad with a lot of guts."

But a young man in America did the same thing, lost control of his plane, and crashed on a crowd-killing four people. What did they call him?

Since the imp of uncontrollable impulse is likely to break out of any of us at any moment, let us hope that it doesn't cause too much havoc.

"I don't know why I did it—but I felt so much better afterwards," is the sort of thing you are likely to say after "buzzing" the Tower Bridge, kicking the Skylon, or climbing the Skylon.

...But many a murderer has also said exactly the same after giving his mother-in-law a dressing with an axe.

NEWS OF THE LONDON STAGE: By RONALD ROPER

Noel Coward Restores The Quality Of Prewar First-Night Glamour

London, Nov. 29. **NOEL COWARD** is again being showered with literary bouquets for a comedy of sophisticated wit, "Relative Values." Savoy Theatre audiences, in a fragrant atmosphere of exotic perfume and cigar smoke, are revelling in this smooth study in social nuances.

The first night was a celebrities "date" as well as a notable stage occasion. Princess Margaret and the Duchess of Kent, departing from a royal custom which tends to avoid first-nights, watched Gladys Cooper delight her many admirers with a brilliant top-of-her-form comeback. Somerset Maugham and Beatrice Lillie were also there for the latest Coward masterpiece.

For wit and thrust the performance easily out-Jeromes Jerome and, in the uproarious middle act, out-Shaves Shaw at his Pymalione. After that it is difficult to avoid bathos; the social-climbing, literary-loper is merely led out of danger by another Hollywood type, admirably drawn by Hugh McDermott, who is strong and silent but not so dumb.

MISS Cooper appears as a worldly-wise dowager countess who astutely retrieves the situation when her son (Ralph Michael) is in danger of marrying a witless actress (Judy Campbell). In reality, the sister of the countess's maid (Angela

Baddeley), who incidentally achieves a magnificent climax of Cockney invective.

In the sure hands of Mr Coward, an insubstantial play, while enabling him to get in some telling thrusts at the Hollywood he knows so well, brings together a highly gifted company who could hardly have succeeded more adroitly in restoring to the London stage that quality which is still all too rarely achieved and which is best described as the glamour of a prewar first-night.

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NOEL Coward, who declined to make a curtain speech, joined Princess Margaret in the author's box at both intervals and, after his

cabaret appearance, met her again at a private party.

"Relative Values" is also something of a mannequin parade for Gladys Cooper, whose guiding rule on and off the stage is: "Never overdress; choose clothes that flatter but do not date." For a morning scene she wears a shirt-waist dress in grey pique; in the afternoon a cafe-au-lait, boot-buttoned poplin frock with softly pleated skirt and draped artists bow at neck; for dinner she appears with regal dignity in a classic gown by John Tullis, a cousin of Capt. Molyneux.

BY way of contrast to the new Coward success, the West End has had the unusual spectacle of police called to a theatre—the Strand—where an American farce, "Mary Had a Little Lamb," met with a hostile reception almost from the first line. But the company managed to keep things going to the end, when there was renewed booing as the audience broke up.

The opposition appears to have been merited. As Cecil Wilson comments, "If we must have witless, worthless, tasteless and endless farces about maternity we should be able to concoct our

own without dragging them across the Atlantic.

"This one," he says, "manages to be half-baked, hard-boiled, juvenile and all too grown-up in one. An Anglo-American cast, which for its own good shall be nameless, plays it as energetically as if it really mattered, which it does not in the least."

The play is reported to have been a box-office success both in New York and Melbourne. May be this is evidence that postwar London has retained some sense of theatre values.

WE are indebted, however, to a more famous American playwright, Tennessee Williams, for "Summer and Smoke." Those who know "The Glass Menagerie" and "A Streetcar Named Desire" will recognise the theme and welcome new proof of the author's unfailing sense of the theatre.

To a Mississippi background the lives of two curiously ill-assorted neighbours—a respectable young woman and a well-meaning rough diamond—are traced until one turns into a disillusioned splinter capable of almost anything while the other is seeking to face life afresh with a new-found respectability.

Margaret Johnston, who plays opposite William Sylvester, enhances her reputation with a beautiful and moving performance.

MEET THE TEAMS—The Widgets



Some argument has been advanced since last Sunday that the Widgets are really the Gremlins "B", but these warriors prefer to consider themselves as Widgets "A" or simply Widgets.

There are so many Widgets that we had to take two pictures of them and no Widget, no matter how capable she is, can expect to make the team every week as the reserves are not far off the Widgets' very best talent.

The idea generally is that a rested Widget comes back into the game with a wallop, as was the case last Sunday with Widgets Ellery and Bolton.

Widgets, except for one or two who have a cigarette very occasionally just to be social, don't smoke and are, therefore, not the same disciplinary problem to their Coach. They don't get attacks of nerves, but they have been guilty of being fidgety Widgets when hard pressed.

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Except for their full-backs, they are all rather small and they turn very easily, which accounts for the fact that they sometimes run in the wrong direction, but always with a purpose.

Being, on paper, underdogs to the Gremlins, they added immensely to an already well-established popularity with the fans by leading their streamlined sisters 1-0 at half-time last Sunday.

In this picture there are 12 Widgets and they are all correctly seated in respect of their line-up positions except for right-half Bolton, who has changed places with inside-right Groundwater.

They are:

Skipper Irene Smirnoff, Marjorie Muir and Joan Gerrard;

Sybil Groundwater, Cathy Peters, Margo Blenkinsop and Mary Elliot;

Coreen Ellery, Sheila Bolton, Helen Ballerand, Doris Barten and Eileen Kennedy. — China Mail Photo.

ON THE RECORD
More Of A Place
On The Map

Hongkong's swimmers have returned from Manila with a clean sweep, except for conceding two second places, in the women's section of the Interport and one second place in the men's section, all per favour of Cheong Kin-man. It may be added that "Sonny" Monteiro finished ahead of the Philippines second string in the 100 Metres Free Style.

The results indicate that our swimming standard is largely dependent on the performance of our three great stars—Cheong Kin-man, Cynthia Eager and Irene Kwok. The others, not too far off better than international standard in a 25-yard salt water pool, fell off very badly in a 50-metre fresh water pool.

It was a great achievement on Cheong Kin-man's part to win two events against a city that has always been noted for the strength of its male swimmers and to be barely nosed out in a third.

Cynthia Eager, Fung Ying-chee and Irene Kwok all set new Philippine records and Vanessa Giles also improved on the old Philippines mark in the 400 Metres Free Style, but none of these records had been anywhere near good international class.

Still, we are generally improving, even in football, in which sport the Colony took on the pick of the younger players of a whole sub-continent and won quite convincingly, also largely on the introduction of its younger players into its teams.

Forgotten in the general weekend sports excitement was the high standard of performance put up in the South China Athletic Association's Annual Inter-School Track and Field Athletic Open Invitational Meet at Caroline Hill on Sunday.

Stephen Xavier, of La Salle College, won the two sprints in 11.1 and 22.0 seconds, both of which would have been new Colony Schoolboy records, beating the 11.2 and 23.1 second set in last year's School's Association Inter-School Sports by Jackson Lee, but Lee, while still a schoolboy, improved on these marks with his 11.0 and 22.7-second victories in last year's Colony Championships.

Xavier's performances are, nevertheless, of secondary international standard and would have scored points in many a European and South American Inter-School Athletic Meet.

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SATURDAY'S TOURNAMENT
RUGGER WAS NOT
AT ALL EXCITING

Says "HANLINCODE"

The bigger games which were played on Saturday afternoon at the Club Ground, Happy Valley, did not produce any surprises nor did they excite in any way the spectators who were present. Both games ended with much the same result, the Army defeating the RAF by 20 points to 3, and the Club downing the Police 20 points to nil.

The other games in the Navy Ground ended in the Navy "A" defeating the Royal Artillery by 14 points to 8, and in the curtain raiser, the Club Second String losing to the 3rd Royal Tank Regiment by the only goal of the match.

In the first game between the Army and RAF, the Fliers fought a hard game and need not be too depressed about the result. They played much better football than the previous week, the forwards in particular showing up well against the more experienced Soldiers, and certainly earning the applause they got.

A little more midweek practice at dribbling and heeling from loose mauls would help to improve this enthusiastic pack greatly.

One saw little of the Fliers' three during the game, mainly owing to the ball going the Army way from the set scrums. Harris at stand-off played a good second game for the RAF.

IMPROVED HANDLING

The Army backs this week showed up better than last week, their passing and handling having improved, although it must be said that in this game they hadn't to contend with such keen marking. Clayton, making his debut in this year's Army side, played a very fine game and combined very well with stand-off Lawes.

Sgt. Evans refereed in the capable manner one expects of him.

In the second game, the Club at home to the Police, the spectators saw a brighter game, although at times the Club only seemed to be going half throttle.

It could have been, however, that most people present expected the Club to make a greater impression in the first half, but owing to the Police forwards putting their backs into the job, very ably backed up by the rearguard, the Club just couldn't get its scoring machine into action.

It was a great pity that the Lawmen were without the services of Slovin, their Captain, English and Wright-Nooth, their pack leader. The experience of these three injured players would have helped greatly, although it must be recorded that the substitutes played well and can feel quite satisfied with their performances.

NOT TOO HAPPY

The Club, as could be seen from the teams published, were trying an experiment, Craig had gone to centre and D. Henderson to full back. How- ever, neither of these players scored too happy in these positions. In fact, Craig looked like a fish out of water and definitely was not his usual brilliant self. His kicking too this week, with one exception, was not as good as it usually is.

The Police pack won the greater majority of the set scrums and most of the line-outs. They certainly worked hard and played well and are still showing, week by week, constant improvement.

Like the RAF in the previous game, the Police can feel satisfied with their performance and get down to a little midweek training to further polish a few ragged edges and get a little fitter.

I say this because in my estimation the increased Club activity towards the end was due more to the Lawmen slackening off than to the Club trying harder. The Club pack was definitely unbalanced and this showed particularly so in the set scrums.

The game was refereed by Mr. George Mills in his usual efficient manner.

THE TEAMS

Army: Loe, Fothergill, Hartland, Clayton, Reynolds, Lawes, Arnold, Baume, Yeo, Evans, Toden, Deacock, Jordan, O'Neill, Thowls.

RAF: Hartley, Alpin, Eden, Parfitt, Hartz, Harris, Bailey, Morris, Morrison, Clayton, Fillingham, Southwick, Hawk- well, Bolt, Chapman.

Police: Spindlers, Gibbons, Scott, Russell, McNeive, Sharp, Smith, Poynton, Perry, Russell, Johnston, Dey, Martin, Dawson, Jones, Artzy, Club: D. Henderson, Campbell, Stewart, Craig, Layton, Nolan, J. Henderson, Winyard, Pettie, Talamo, Farquharson, Minto, Lachlan, Warne, Lam- bert.

Stroke totals for the 15 holes were—Kinghorn, 73, Arthy, 68. The game was fought out in a very friendly fashion and was enjoyed by a handful of spectators in the morning and a lone spectator in the afternoon.

CANADA V. AUSTRALIA
Canada beat Australia by eight points to four in a six-a-side golf match at Fanning on Sunday. It was the first match of what is hoped will be an annual series.

Handsome, inscribed, pewter beer mugs were presented to the winning side. Scores follow:

| G.D. | Canada | Singles | Australia |
|------|--------------|---------|----------------|
| 1 | Scrimstad | 1 | A.D. Duffy |
| 2 | J.E. Coleman | 1 | R.R. Coombs |
| 3 | W. Doyle | 1 | J. MacCausland |
| 4 | H. Hawkins | 0 | H.F. Watson |
| 5 | Walker | 0 | Baker |
| 6 | | 0 | W.H. Patterson |
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Kinghorn had 81 for his round against approximately 95 for Arthy.

When play resumed after Arthy managed to get one back from Kinghorn on the first nine, losing opportunities, three putting on the second, third and ninth, Kinghorn took three on the first and eighth.

When they teed up at formidable "Tommy Tucker" Kinghorn was seven to the good and only the Homeward nine to navigate. Arthy let Kinghorn off at the 10th by missing a beautiful second 16 feet from the pin.

They teed the 11th and then Arthy won the 12th, just missing a birdie two. Kinghorn found tree trouble at the 18th and Arthy, playing a grand recovery shot from the rough near the 10th tee, was conceded the hole in four. Kinghorn was now down to five.

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Interport
Swimming
Results

The Hongkong Interport swimming team, which shared honours with Manila over the week-end, returned yesterday by air. The Colony women outclassed the Filipinos but in the men's division, the Philippines outclassed the men.

The Interport meet was well attended, both sides of the album at Rizal Memorial Coliseum being packed to capacity. At least three thousand people witnessed the meet each day.

With the exception of Cheung Kin-man, Cynthia Eager and Kwok Kim-ngo, who visited the Philippines earlier this year, most of the other swimmers found the fresh water 50-metre pool put them off-stride, but after daily workouts before the meet soon accustomed themselves to the conditions.

An Interport lunch was given by the PAAF in honour of the team on Sunday afternoon at the Manila Hotel while the Chinese Y.M.C.A. entertained the visitors to a dinner on their arrival.

Detailed results were as follows:

MEN'S EVENTS

1,500 metres Free Style (P.I. record 20:45.5 By S. Basanung)—1. Mohamammed, Manila (Manila) 22:2. 2. Solera Alcantara (Manila) 24:43. 3. Wong Kwai Chee (Hongkong) 25:23. 4. Wong Kam Wan (Hongkong) 25:30.

200 metres Breast Stroke (P.I. record 2:45.9 By Teodoro Belmonte, Manila)—1. Rene Amaboyuk (Manila) 3:22.0. 2. Cayce (Hongkong) 3:12.1. 3. Wong Kwai-chee (Hongkong) 3:22.4. 4. Wong Kwai Chee (Hongkong) 3:22.4.

3 x 100-metre relay (P.I. record 3:22.3)—1. Manila (E. Bonus-Bank, R. Amaboyuk, R. Amaboyuk) 3:22.3. 2. Hongkong (C. Wong, C. Wong, C. Wong) 3:22.3.

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To comply with the General Packed Warehouse Regulations, Consignees must have a Revenue Office in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after 15th December, 1951, will be subject to the provisions of the General Packed Warehouse Regulations.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the General Packed Warehouse before 2nd January, 1952, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hong Kong, 10th December, 1951.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

MAERSK LINE

m.v. "LEISE MAERSK"

having arrived from New York and being discharged to the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godowns at Kowloon, consignees are notified that their cargo is being landed and placed at their risk and expense into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godowns at Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional cargo will not be landed unless notice has been given 48 hours prior to vessel's arrival, and carried out from port to port to final point of call to which the option extends.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 15th December, 1951 will be subject to the provisions of the General Packed Warehouse Regulations.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on 14th December, 1951, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors. Messrs. Messers & Douglas.

To comply with the General Packed Warehouse Regulations, Consignees must have a Revenue Office in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before the 15th January, 1952, or they will not be recognized.

No Insurance will be effected.

JENSEN & CO., Agents

Hong Kong, 8th December, 1951.

Cantonese By Radio

By S. K. Lee

The eleventh in the series of lessons in Cantonese to be broadcast over Radio Hong Kong by Mr S. K. Lee will be given this evening at 6.30.

For the guidance of listeners we publish below a summary of the lesson. Summaries for subsequent lessons will be published in the China Mail every Tuesday and Friday for the duration of this radio feature.

Lesson 11

The Direct and Indirect Objects (ref.: page 20, "Cantonese Simplified").

Vocabulary: 46. bay(2)—To give. To pay. To allow.

47. nei(1)—A final sound implying a question.

48. lah(1)—A final sound implying the idea of a command or demand.

Examples: 1. Bay(2)—To give, pay. 2. Nei(1)?—Are you giving me?

3. Bay(2) bay(2) (11m bay(2) teen(2) nei(1)?—Are you paying for it? I will pay for it.

4. Bay(2) bay(2) teen(2) nei(1)?—I'm not paying for it. I won't pay for it.

5. Bay(2) bay(2) (11m bay(2) teen(2) nei(1)?—Will you give it to him?

6. Bay(2) bay(2) (11m bay(2) teen(2) nei(1)?—Will you give it to him?

7. Bay(2) bay(2) (11m bay(2) teen(2) nei(1)?—Will you pay him?

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44. Bay(2) teen(2) (11m bay(2) teen(2) nei(1)?—Will you pay him?

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